

## WOMAN'S WORLD.

SERVANT GIRLS ARE SAID TO BE  
SCARCE IN NEW YORK.

Information Useful to the Housekeeper in  
Summer—Seasonable Hints as to Dress  
and Diet—Personal Paragraphs About  
Well Known Women.

The servant girl problem, which has been agitated from time immemorial, has now become more serious than ever. The scarcity of available girls is alarming, and what makes the situation more unpleasant is the fact that the many employment agencies throughout the city hold out very little hope of improvement until fall. The main reason for the present condition of affairs is the enormous number of girls who have gone to Chicago, where they hope to combine business with pleasure and see the World's fair.

One of the largest employment agencies in the city is on Forty-second street. To a reporter this morning the proprietor said: "Never in my 30 years' experience at this business have I seen girls—mean good, general housework girls—so scarce. My reason for it? Well, there are two. One is the Chicago fair, and the other the many summer boarding houses and hotels that have begun to get ready. Why, there was one concern in this city that has sent over 800 girls on to Chicago for the new hotels. You may imagine what a hole that makes in the supply. But from what I hear most of the girls wish themselves back in New York city. They are finding out that Chicago is not the Eldorado they expected, and I guess a great many of them will return in a month or so sadder, but wiser, and, I might add, poorer women."

"Several of my best girls who went on there have written me that if I can place them they will return immediately. I couldn't get to the telegraph office quickly enough to tell them to come on. I expect them Monday, and they can have their choice from 60 applications for girls. Talk about your prima donna selecting her part, she ain't in it with the servant girl of the present day. Come around about October. I'll have plenty of girls then."

H. L. Ackerman, the manager of the Cosmopolitan Employment agency, in answer to the reporter's question said:

"Are servant girls scarce? Well, I should say they are, and what makes it more annoying is the fact that when a good girl comes along she invariably wants to go to Chicago, where she can enjoy the World's fair. It's getting worse and worse. What the large hotels and private families will do this summer for good houseworkers I cannot conjecture. Already their salaries have jumped from \$14 to \$20, and they are hard to get at that. I am thinking that the thousands of girls who went to Chicago will wish that they had remained here. That city, I understand, is overcrowded with girls not from New York alone, but from all over the country. The result is, I think, that the girls will come home sooner than they expected. The servant girl today is an autocrat—she must be obeyed. I really feel sorry for my best patrons, who blame me for not supplying them with girls, but what am I to do if the girl is not to be had? But things will be different in the fall, and the usual supply will be on hand for all who want them."

Probably one of the oldest employment agencies is the See & Schaefer's. This firm supplies help to the Four Hundred and are in a position to know whereof they speak. Regarding the scarcity of girls, one of the firm said: "Yes, there is absolutely a dearth of good houseworkers. The demand is five times as great as the supply. The World's fair is not alone responsible for the scarcity of girls. You see, the immigration has been very slim of late, and as we get most of our girls from that source it has greatly inconvenienced us and annoyed our customers."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

## A Woman Lawyer on Women in a Jury.

Mrs. Theodore Sutro, the valedictorian for the first grade graduating class of the University of New York Law school, in commenting on The Recorder's special Burden jury, which includes in its panel Mrs. Lucy Stone, said:

"I do not know much about this one particular case, for I am not interested in criminal cases at all beyond seeing by the headlines in the papers what is going on in that line. But really I do not think women jurors would be just the thing. The selection must be made of women with very strong characters, great confidence in themselves and able to detach themselves from their surroundings in a greater or less degree, and that cannot always be done. It must be a wonderful woman who could stand out against 11 men."

"Don't you think it a good plan to have women jurors on cases when the prisoner is a woman?"

"No, I do not. Women are nearly always a woman's most severe critic, and she would fare very much better at the hands of 12 men jurors than from the other sex. The only time I really think a woman would be of any great use on the jury would be in a case of insanity. There I think her knowledge of her own sex and instincts would be invaluable. She would be able to tell in nine cases out of ten whether the woman were insane or not, whether she were shamming to escape punishment for a crime committed or whether it was really a case of temporary insanity."—New York Recorder.

## The Growth of Women's Clubs.

The founders of Sorosis—such well known women as the poet Alice Carey, who was the first president, and her sister Phoebe, Mrs. Jennie June Croly, Kate Field, Miss Demore, Celia W. Burleigh and Ella Dietz Glymer—were caricatured in the public prints as sitting with their feet on tables in a cloud of tobacco smoke, with bottles and glasses conveniently near.

Fortunately, however, these women were as brave as they were clever. Firmly convinced of the value of "the club"

idea for women, they persevered, undaunted, on their way.

For a dozen or 15 years these and similar organizations were still regarded with suspicion by both men and women. But the tide turned gradually as the use and beauty of organized work among women came to be known, and the club was finally adopted by women with the characteristic enthusiasm of their sex.

It is a noticeable fact that during the last year a score of women's clubs in the vicinity of Boston alone celebrated their tenth anniversary. It is now the easiest and simplest of matters to form a woman's club, while those already in existence find themselves popular, prosperous and influential.—Mrs. E. M. H. Merrill in Donahoe's Magazine.

## Spanish Styles in Underwear.

Spanish women have not the same styles for underwear that we have. There are fewer pieces, and these are made long, flowing and graceful, like the Grecian women's wardrobes, not tight fitting, after the English mode. The chemisettes are combined with short skirts, and thus save the extra bagging of material about the waist. But a Spanish woman must have crape, gauze or silk for her underwear, else she is never satisfied.

It is astonishing how these southern feminines love yellow and red for underclothing. This fancy rests with them alone, but the shades match well their luxurious, creamy tinted flesh, and one cannot blame them for choosing them.

Garters the Spanish women abhor, thinking that they spoil the superb curves of the knee and the upper part of the leg, but they compromise with the lovely braided ribbons, which are not tied tightly about the leg, but only folded many times and clasped in a bow-knot at the center.

Eulalie, who is a true daughter of Spain, though having lived half her life in Paris and absorbed some of the Frenchwomen's daintiest ideas, still clings to Spanish ways of dressing, and her lingerie is in the most approved style of her native land.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

## Rare Rugs From Old Carpets.

Summer time, with its bare floors and colorless matting, is when rugs are most needed. Here, then, is a hint which some women may be able to use. It is more than probable the house holds an old, worn ingrain carpet rolled away somewhere. If this needs brushing, brush it; then cut it into strips an inch wide, being careful not to cut across the warp, backstitch the strips together and send them to a weaver of rag carpets with directions as to the lengths you desire woven and the injunction to use the best warp possible. If you think it too much trouble to cut and sew the strips, the weaver will doubtless do that work also for a trifle. You will receive some handsome, thick rugs, which those who do not know the secret will think closely allied to Turkish.

The effect, where the original carpet was of a bright color, is really charming, and you have the satisfaction of ordering just such lengths as suit your needs for a bay window or in front of a sofa or a bed. These rugs, which, by the way, will not answer for stair carpet, as they are too stiff and thick, will last indefinitely. Some have been in use four years and are still good.—Indianapolis News.

## A Woman Carpenter.

The resident population of Chicago will shortly be augmented by the arrival of Miss Sophie Christensen, a self-reliant young Danish woman, who ought to get along in the world. Her father was a captain in the Danish army, who had to live on his meager pay, so that his girl had no hope for a dowry. Sophie resolved to be independent, and at the age of 20 she apprenticed herself, not without difficulty, owing to male prejudice, to a carpenter and joiner. She soon displayed great aptitude for the work, and having just completed her apprenticeship has been admitted as a full member of the Joiners' guild at Copenhagen by unanimous vote.

In accordance with the sensible custom which prevails in Denmark Miss Christensen had to submit a specimen of her own unaided work before being admitted to the complete honors of the guild. She made an artistic self-closing bookcase, the beauty and finish of which extorted the admiration of every member of the guild. The young woman, who is now 26 years old, thinks Chicago will be the best place for her to make a living in, and thither she will start in a week or two.—Exchange.

## Women Stenographers at the Fair.

At their last meeting the National Association of Women Stenographers elected officers for 1893 as follows: President, Miss H. A. Shinn; first vice president, Miss Nettie McLaughlin; second vice president, Miss Mary Wilcox; recording secretary and treasurer, Miss M. W. Farmer; corresponding secretary, Miss Kate S. Holmes. The association is in its third year and very prosperous. Through the friendliness of the board of lady managers of the World's fair the whole of the southwest landing on the main stairs in the Woman's building has been granted to the association in which to make an exhibit of woman's work in this particular branch of industry.

Here will be conducted a woman's stenographic and typewriting office, where letters and all kinds of work will be done for hire, showing how woman has taken her place among the permanent institutions of the business and commercial world. Here also the visiting women stenographers are invited to make their headquarters and receive their mail. In July an international shorthand congress is to be held in Chicago.—Stenographic Magazine.

## A Woman's System For Women Convicts.

Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson, superintendent of the Sherborn prison for women, is in Chicago to place a peculiar exhibit and see that it is arranged to the best advantage. In Sherborn for some time there has existed successfully a method of marking or grading the inmates. When they show evidences of a desire to re-

form, some improvement is made in their dress and environment. In this way, so to speak, they are educated back to life. In her exhibit Mrs. Johnson has materially expressed this grading system as well as the industrial.

A number of dolls are dressed in the costumes worn by the women in the various grades of the prison. Thus, a doll in the costume of her grade is represented as working at silk weaving. Another in the costume of her grade has her hat on and a pail in her hand, apparently in the act of going out to the dairy. Another is bending over a miniature tub. Others again are represented as ironing, baking, sewing, etc. The idea is original with Mrs. Johnson.—Boston Globe.

## The Best Way to Get Rid of Flies.

"No, thank you, my dear. I do not want any fly papers or flytraps about my house. I learned a great many years ago that the more things we have to call flies the more will come. In a neighborhood where flies were simply a nuisance I lived almost unmolested by them because I never permitted a particle of stale food to accumulate about the premises," says a writer.

"Flies, like a good many other things, will never stay where they are in danger of starvation, and I never kept anything about the place to feed them with—not even fly paper. Everything that could not be burned was carried as far from the house as possible and buried. All garbage is valuable as a fertilizer, and I utilize it as such."

"It is my opinion that every form of fly paper, fly poison and flytrap, which is baited with any substance, is just so much inducement for them to stay around the house. They think—if flies think at all—that they are going to get something to eat, and therefore hang around. The best fly preventive is starvation."

## The Old Sextoness.

The Prince of Wales will reopen the north transept of St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, the famous church which few American travelers fail to visit. The restoration fund of St. Bartholomew's has just been augmented by the sum of £700 from, of all persons in the world, the little old woman who used to act as sexton and show visitors round. She was apparently worth no more than the shoes she stood in, but when she died a few months ago she left property valued at over £3,000, of which American visitors must have contributed a very large proportion, for few Englishmen took any interest in the grand old church. The old sextoness had ample cause to love it, for she spent the greater part of her long life in and about it, and for some years past she had occupied a room in the north transept, a part of which, as many Americans will remember, was also used for a blacksmith's forge.—Exchange.

## A Light and Airy Trifle.

One of the trifles "light as air" which help in so large a measure to make the home cozy and attractive is a bag of silk illusion filled with silk from milkweed pods. The length is generally four times that of the width. Fill each and nearly to the middle with milkweed silks, concealing among this bits of wadding sprinkled with sachet powder. Tie around the middle with baby ribbon and finish the ends with loops of the same. This is a pretty souvenir for a friend in the country to send to some one less fortunate who may have had to remain all summer in the city. The creamy color of the silk showing through its filmy covering contrasts daintily with pink or pale green ribbons.—Philadelphia Times.

## Miss Barton in Indiana.

Miss Clara Barton, president of the Society of the Red Cross, is spending a few days at Bedford, Ind. Miss Barton's unselfish life, devoted to the relief of suffering humanity, entitles her to the reverence of the world. She has probably received more decorations and orders of merit than any living woman. She comes to Bedford to arrange for the acceptance of the large and valuable tract of land donated to the Red Cross society by Dr. Gardner, upon which it is the intention to establish a home to be controlled by Miss Barton for the society.—Bedford (Ind.) Letter.

## What to Do With Earrings.

Women with earrings are beginning to collect very beautiful hatpins. Long pins of silver or gold are made to order, and the solitary pearl, diamond or sapphire is attached. Sometimes two of these jeweled pins are worn in a bit of a bonnet. Earrings and brooches may go out of fashion, but the woman of the world can be trusted to make them a style. That is a characteristic of her class.

## A Revival of Lace.

There has been a marked revival of late in the wearing of real lace, an article that at one time had scarcely any sale. Now women are bringing out to the light their treasures of homiton and point and valenciennes, which have been long laid away in the hope of just such a demand.—Philadelphia Press.

Miss Bascom, who has just won her degree of Ph. D. in geology from Johns Hopkins university, has had many offers to teach her specialty in schools and colleges and has finally accepted a chair in a college in Columbus, O.

Miss Sallie Pierson, a compositor, has been appointed state organizer of the Federation of Labor for Indiana. She has supported herself and mother by typesetting since she was 16 years of age.

Sixty thousand Italian ladies, led by the flower of the aristocracy of Rome, are petitioning the chamber against divorce, which, they contend, is an offense against religion.

Mlle. de Bovet has been elected a member of the Societe des Gens de Lettres, an honor only rarely accorded to women. She writes over the signature of "Mat."

A new biography of Chopin has been written by Mlle. Janotha and the Princess Czartoryska, one of Chopin's most esteemed friends and pupils.

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Beginning at a point on the south side of John street 120 feet east of Fishburne street, thence with John street south 83 degrees 36 minutes east 40 feet to a point, thence south 0 degrees 40 minutes west 120 feet to an alley, thence with said alley north 83 degrees 36 minutes west 40 feet to a point, thence north 0 degrees 40 minutes east 120 feet to John street the place beginning known as lot 4, block 2, of map of Fishburne place.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash as to the costs of sale and the sum of \$170.16 now due, and the sum of \$1,825.92 to become due and payable in monthly installments of \$35.36 each, without interest, on the 1st Monday in August, 1893, and each successive month thereafter, and the residue, if any, upon a credit of one and two years with interest deferred payments to be secured by deed of trust.

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